Could You Survive in Poverty?

Complete the Quiz

Put a check by each item you know how to do

______ 1. I know which churches and sections of town have the best rummage sales.
______ 2. I know which rummage sales have "bag sales" and when.
______ 3. I know which grocery stores' garbage bins can be accessed for thrown away food.
______ 4. I know how to get someone out of jail.
______ 5. I know how to physically fight and defend myself physically.
______ 6. I know how to get a gun, even if I have a public record.
______ 7. I know how to keep my clothes from being stolen at the Laundromat.
______ 8. I know what problems to look for in a used car.
______ 9. I know how to live without a checking account.
______ 10. I know how to live without electricity or a phone.
______ 11. I know how to use a knife as scissors.
______ 12. I can entertain a group of friends with my personality and my stories.
______ 13. I know what to do when I don't have the money to pay bills.
______ 14. I know how to move in 1/2 a day.
______ 15. I know how to get and use food stamps or an electronic card for benefits.
______ 16. I know where the free medical clinics are.
______ 17. I am very good at trading and bartering.
______ 18. I can get by without a car.

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Could You Survive in Middle Class?

Complete the Quiz

Put a check by each item you know how to do

____ 1. I know how to get my children into Little League, piano lessons, soccer, etc.
____ 2. I know how to set a table properly.
____ 3. I know which stores are likely to carry the clothing brands my family wears.
____ 4. My children know the best name brands in clothing.
____ 5. I know how to order in a nice restaurant.
____ 6. I know how to use a credit card, checking account, and savings account, and I understand an annuity. I understand term life insurance, disability insurance, and 20/80 medical insurance policy, as well as house insurance, flood insurance, and replacement insurance.
____ 7. I talk to my children about going to college.
____ 8. I know how to get one of the best interest rates on a new car loan.
____ 9. I understand the difference among the principal, interest, and escrow statements on my house payment.
____ 10. I know how to help my children with their homework and do not hesitate to call the school if I need additional information.
____ 11. I know how to decorate my house for the different holidays.
____ 12. I know how to get a library card.
____ 13. I know how to use most of the tools in the garage.
____ 14. I repair items in my house almost immediately when they break-- or know a repair service and call it.

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Could You Survive in Wealth?

Complete the Quiz

Put a check by each item you know how to do

______ 1. I can read a menu in French, English, and another language.
______ 2. I have several favorite restaurants in different countries of the world.
______ 3. During the holidays, I know how to hire a decorator to identify the appropriate themes and items with which to decorate the house.
______ 4. I know who my preferred financial advisor, legal service, designer, domestic employment, and hairdresser are.
______ 5. I have at least 2 residences that are staffed and maintained.
______ 6. I know how to ensure confidentiality and loyalty from my domestic staff.
______ 7. I have at least two or three "screens" that keep people whom I do not wish to see away from me.
______ 8. I fly in my own plane or the company plane.
______ 9. I know how to enroll my children in the preferred private schools.
______ 10. I know how to host the parties that "key" people attend.
______ 11. I am on the boards of at least two charities.
______ 12. I know the hidden rules of the Junior League.
______ 13. I support or buy the work of a particular artist.
______ 14. I know how to read a corporate financial statement and analyze my own financial statements.

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